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c.1885

413-401 Warren Ave. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

This group of three story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices (with the exception of 411 Warren Ave., which is only two stories in height, and 407 Warren Ave., which is two stories in height with a high mansard roof which serves as an attic story) were all built in the mid-1880's for fairly well-to-do local clients. The houses are quite large and commodious and face Federal Hill Park. Their size and location (with harbor views) has made them desirable for residences for some years.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

401 Warren Ave.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice is one of a group of houses built along this side of Warren Ave. facing Federal Hill Park in the 1880's.

The house is three stories in height, 16' wide, and occupies a lot 110' deep. The house occupies the south-east corner of Warren Ave. and Henry St. and extends back along Henry St. for seven bays. There is also a two story high, one bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a vaguely Italianate-style cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding, decorated with a row of cut-work scallops, and set over of row of grooved modillions and a row of scroll-sawed motifs. The cornice is supported by five grooved brackets (including a bracket around the corner on the Henry St. facade) which connect the cornice to a lower molding strip decorated with quarter-round carvings. The brick freize area thus formed, at one time had three scroll-sawed ventilating panels, but these have been covered over with solid wood panels. The house has hooded chimneys located along its east side and a rear end hooded chimney located at the south-east end of the house.

All of the door and window openings have splayed brick lintels and stone sills. The first floor windows are filled with 9/9 double hung sash; the second and third floor windows are filled with 1/1 sash. The windows on the Henry St. facade are filled with the original 4/4 double hung sash. A late, panel door with multi-lights above the panels is set beneath a single light transom. The house sit on a fairly low basement, the entrance being reached by three marble steps. There are two rectangular basement windows located beneath the first floor windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT McHenry and James Howard

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 413 Warren Ave.

This house was built by the Howards as part of their development of this side of Warren Ave. The first owner of the house was a Thomas F. McHugh, who along with Patrick Dougherty at 413 Warren Ave., owned a tugboat business located on Smith's wharf.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber RTA 964, Folio 187; Baltimore City Directory, 1884

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16' x 110'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Washington, D.C. 20240

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: 401 Warren Avenue
Address of property: Street 401 Warren Avenue
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

(SEE ATTACHED)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

(SEE ATTACHED)

Date of construction (if known): 1869 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name William Radomsky
Street 401 Warren Avenue
City Baltimore State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (301) 332-3319

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature William Radomsky Date 12-16-81

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.Signature J. Little Date 12-16-81
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheetSignature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

PART I - 401 Warren Avenue

#2. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The residence at 401 Warren Avenue is located within the Federal Hill Historic District in Central Baltimore, Maryland (See Map, Attached). The structure is a brick house of three stories at the Western end of a block of single family row houses. The property is bounded by Warren Avenue on the North, Henry Street on the West, and Hamburg Street on the South. To the North, the house overlooks Federal Hill Park with the harbor and downtown Baltimore beyond. To the South, the upper floors command views of South Baltimore and the outer Harbor.

The general character and details of the residence clearly indicate that the structure is a Victorian Era row house, probably constructed immediately after the Civil War. The construction system is masonry bearing walls with wood joists. The predominant features of the front facade are the large nine over-nine (on the first floor) and one-over-one (on the second and third floors) Double hung windows with marble sills and flat arches of sprayed brick; the bold, bracketed cornice with decorative wood ventilators; and the running bond brick work. The front door has a single pane glass transom above. It appears from the condition of the brick surrounding the front door that the door was at one time enhanced with a pedimented frame around the doorway, a fairly common feature on the larger row houses.

The side and rear facades are laid in common bond, with every eighth course headers. The windows are four-over-four and have wood sills. The later garage addition (approx. 1930) and one story family room (constructed between the garage and original house in 1971) are constructed of block and brick, respectively, in styles not sympathetic to the original structure.

The house has three chimneys, each with a brick hood typical of the Victorian Era.

The front door gives access to a suite of rooms: a parlor, stair (with a side door onto Henry Street), living room, dining room, and kitchen with a secondary stair to the second floor. The parlor has a fireplace with a black marble surround, possibly a later addition. The room also features hardwood floors with elaborate wood inlays and a plaster medallion in the center of the ceiling.

PART I - 401 Warren Avenue

#2. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE (Continued)

The dining room features a fine, columned wood mantle with an integral beveled mirror. This room also has a plaster medallion in the center of the ceiling.

On the upper floors, the main stair is flanked by one large room at the front of the house and two rooms to the rear. The chimney flues are visible in the upper floors, but there are no fireplaces. On both the second and third floors, kitchens and baths have been added at the very back of the house. These upper floors have been altered somewhat for use as apartments.

PART I - 401 Warren Avenue

#3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

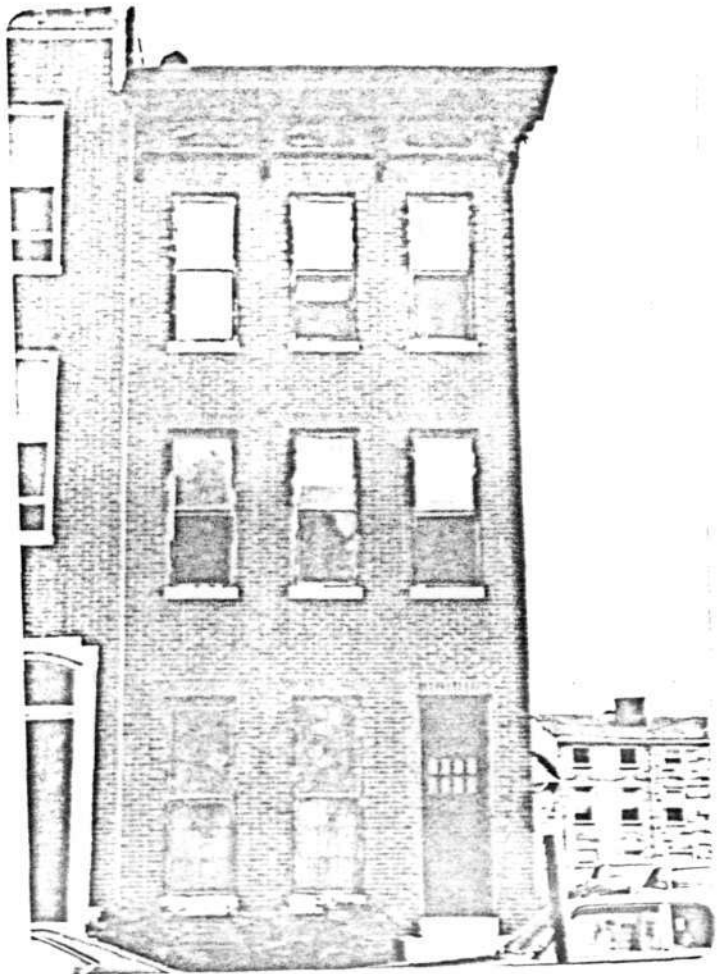
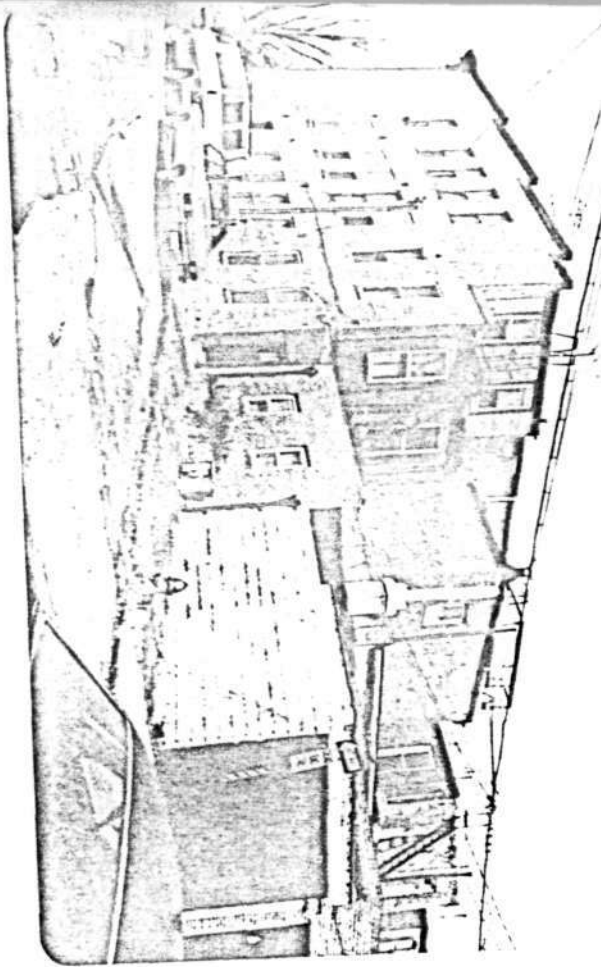
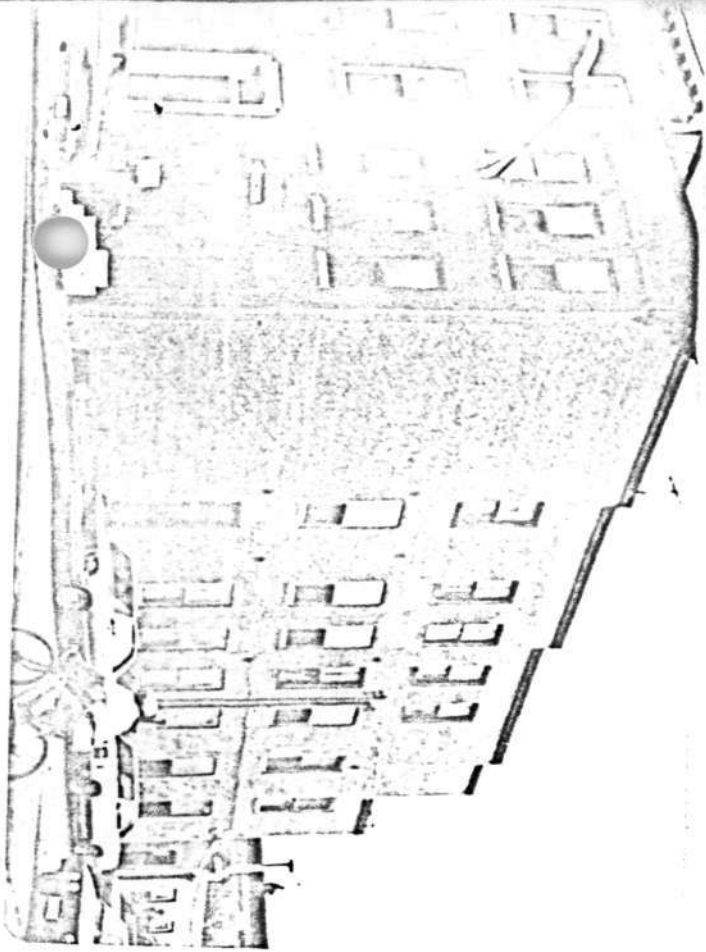
Located within the Federal Hill Historic District, the structure at 401 Warren Avenue is typical of Victorian Era row houses and was probably constructed immediately after the Civil War.

The residence belongs to the blocks of row houses which form the southern edge of Federal Hill Park.

A division in the brickwork indicates an addition to the main house in about 1890. A garage on Hamburg Street was added in about 1930, and the rear yard was filled in with a one-story addition in 1971.

The first floor interiors are notable for the fireplaces, ceiling plasterwork, elaborate wood inlays in the hardwood floors, and window shutters in the first floor living rooms.

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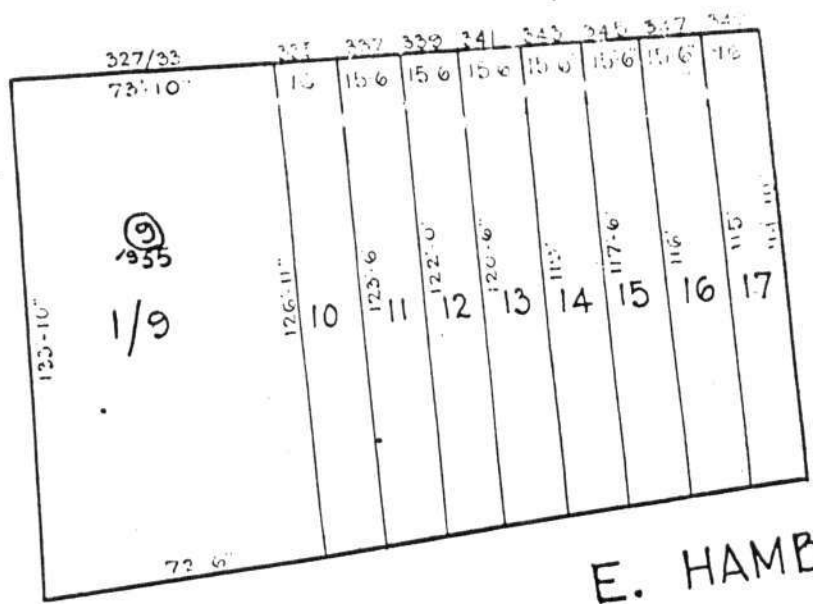
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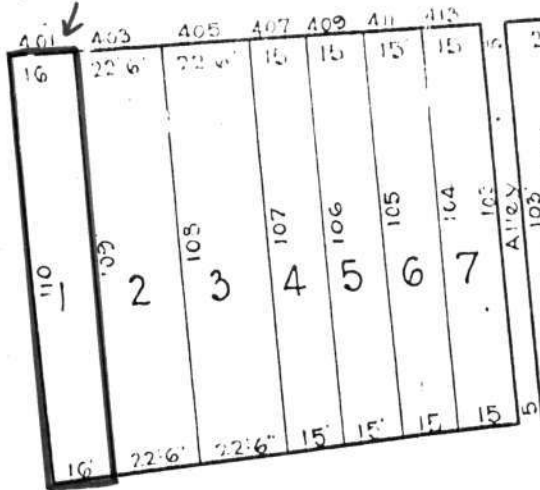
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North-west elevation